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DEPARTMENT FOR PM-HDP, DRL, EAP/MLS, EAP/RSP AND S/GHD

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND THE ASIA PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES ON COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY RESPONSE TO TERRORISM COURSE (CSRT) 09-1 APRIL 16 TO MAY 12, 2009 IN HONOLULU, HAWAII

REF: 03 SECSTATE 034981

¶1. This is an action cable. See Paragraph six.

¶2. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored training programs.

¶3. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals selected for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies CSRT 09-1 from April 16 to May 12, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

NAME: Samedy Sivahtana (Male)
DPOB: Nov. 22, 1961, Phnom Penh
POSITION: Assistant to the Prime Minister
Under Secretary of State for Secretariat National of Counter-Terrorism Committee
DEPT/UNIT: Office of the Council of Ministers

NAME: Sok Nguon (Male)
DPOB: Jun. 2, 1966, Kandal
POSITION: Deputy Director
RANK: Colonel
DEPT/UNIT: Department of Policy and Planning, Ministry of National Defense

NAME: Kea Kosal (Male)
DPOB: Feb. 7, 1969, Phnom Penh
POSITION: Chief of Co-Operations Section
RANK: Major
DEPT/UNIT: Department of International Relations, Ministry of Defense

¶4. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above individuals.

¶5. The above individuals will attend the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (CSRT) 09-1 April 16 to May 12, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull at turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219, or Janet Deutsch at deutschje@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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